

**State Highways as National Highways in Karnataka**

4537. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to declare 17 State Highways as National Highways;

(b) if so, the State Highways proposed by the State Government to be declared as National Highways; and

(c) the action, if any, taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) No proposal for declaring 17 State Highways as National Highways has been received from Govt. of Karnataka. However taking into account the proposals received from the Government of Karnataka, a length of 176 km. of new National Highways has been declared vide notification dated 12.10.2000. After 12.10.2000, a proposal has been received from the Chief Minister of Karnataka for declaration of 10 Km. stretch of road from Srirangapatnam as a new National Highway.

(c) Expansion of National Highway network in the country including Karnataka is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority of proposals and availability of funds.

**Funds for Construction of Outer Ring Road in Hyderabad**

4538. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government for providing necessary funds for making an Outer Ring Road to Hyderabad as a Bypass Expressway to facilitate the truck traffic;